

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3-6 are pending. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 2-6 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner stated that it was not understood how the absolute value of the second voltage was smaller than the absolute value of the first voltage because the specification only discloses an embodiment in which these voltages are both equal to -8 volts.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3-6 do not recite this limitation. Specifically, claims 3 and 4 are silent with respect to these voltages. Claims 5 and 6 recite that "an absolute value of the non-select voltage is not larger than an absolute value of the negative voltage...." This limitation could be met by the embodiment disclosed in the specification, and thus support can be found in the specification for this limitation. Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e). Since claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, this rejection is moot. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

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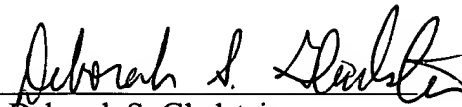
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